

Camping 2013

Timber Creek

Moraine Park

Glacier
Basin

Longs
Peak

Enjoy a night under the stars in Rocky Mountain National Park!

Note: in 2013, Glacier Basin Campground is closed due to Bear Lake Road Reconstruction, and Moraine Park Campground Loop B is first-come, first-served.

Except for Longs Peak Campground which accepts tents only, all campgrounds can accommodate tent trailers, tents, pickup campers, trailers, and motorhomes. Every park campsite has a tent pad, picnic table and fire grate. More than one tent is allowed as long as they all fit on the tent pad.

A No more than eight people may camp at a given site except for designated group sites at Moraine Park Campground.

Maximum length of stay is 7 nights total parkwide between June 1-Sept 30. Campers can stay an additional 14 nights Oct 1-May 31. The most popular time for camping in the park is from early July to early September. Campgrounds are frequently full July 4th weekend through Labor Day and on fall weekends during the elk rut and colorful foliage. Get an early start: reservable campgrounds are often full by reservation, and the first-come, first-served campgrounds often fill by noon. See below for reservation information.

Overnight stays in Rocky Mountain National Park must be in a campground (or a backcountry site). Staying overnight in a vehicle along a road or at a trailhead is not permitted.

Evening ranger programs offered in summer. Check schedules at visitor centers, park newspaper or park website, nps.gov/romo

Max RV

Summer

Reservations Summer 2013

Aspenglen Moraine Park Loops A, C, D Moraine Park Group Sites Have peace of mind knowing a campsite is waiting for you in beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park! Camping reservations can be made, and are highly recommended, from one day to six months in advance. Also, the three group sites at Moraine Park are reservable.

Website
Calls from within the U. S.
Calls from outside the U. S.
Customer Service

Recreation.gov iPhone App

Description

www.recreation.gov 877-444-6777 518-885-3639 888-448-1474 877-833-6777

First-Come, First-Served Campgrounds

of

Reservable

Longs Peak Moraine Park Loop B Timber Creek

Campgrounds

Campers hoping for first come, first served sites should go to the campground itself to see if any sites are available. Vacated sites can be occupied. Eager campers line up on busy days to try for sites. Check out time is noon, but sites can be vacated throughout the morning. Sites can fill quickly, especially on busy

Firewood &

summer days. Sites will not be held. Planning on camping at a first-come, first-served site can be disappointing, and backup plans are highly recommended. There are no refunds for unused nights.

2013		Sites	for Summer?	Ice (purchase with cash at campground ranger station)	Trailer Length (feet)	Dump Station/ Potable Water Hose Hookup?	
Aspenglen (Elev 8220 ft)	Opens 5/22; last night to stay is 9/23	53	Yes; can be full by reservation	Yes, entire season	30′	No. Use dump station at Moraine Park or Timber Creek	Situated in a pine forest near Fall River just inside the Fall River Entrance on US Hwy 34 west of Estes Park. Walking distance to Fall River Visitor Center. Ranger-led evening programs.
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Glacier Basin			2013 for Bear La	ake Road Reconstructio	n Project	,	
Longs Peak (Elev 9405 ft)	Opens 5/24; last night to stay is 11/3	26	No; always first-come, first-served	Firewood only May through late September	Tents only	No	The trailhead to Longs Peak and other destinations is a short distance away. Water is available in summer; flush toilets in summer / vault toilets in fall. Turn off of Colorado Highway 7 nine miles south of Beaver Meadows Visitor Center at the Longs Peak Area sign.
Moraine Park (Elev 8150 ft)	Open year- round Reservable for 5/22 through 10/8	244 sum- mer, 77 winter	Yes; can be full by reservation. Summer 2013 the B Loop is first- come, first- served	Yes 7 days/week summer thru Sept. then weekends through October	Limited num- ber of RV/ trailer sites up to 40'	Yes	Moraine Park Campground was not burned in the Fern Lake Fire. Located in a ponderosa pine forest above the meadows of Moraine Park, this campground is a short distance into the park on the Bear Lake Road. Trails from the campground connect to numerous other trails. Ranger-led evening programs in summer. Access the free summer shuttle buses to Bear Lake and Estes Park from the campground.
Moraine Park Group Sites (E Loop) (Elev 8150 ft)	Open year- round Reservable for May 22 through 10/8	3 sum- mer, 8 win- ter	Yes; can be full by reservation	Yes 7 days/week summer through September then weekends through October	Tents only	Vault toilets year-round	Tents only (no RVs), no set limit on the number of tents (must fit in site). Fee year-round is \$3 per person per night. 3 sites in E Loop are reservable for groups summer 2013: • Site EB is small, 15 people maximum • Site EE is medium, 30 people maximum • Site EH is extra-large, 50 people maximum
Timber Creek (Elev 8900 ft)	Open year- round	98	No; always first-come, first-served	Firewood only	30'	Yes	The only west side campground is situated along the Colorado River in the Kawuneeche Valley, 10 miles north of the town of Grand Lake on US Hwy 34 (Trail Ridge Road). The Never Summer Mountains rise to the west of the campground. The mountain pine beetle outbreak has resulted in the removal of most trees so there is no shade in the campground. Ranger-led evening programs in summer.

Fees

Payment for fees and passes must be by U S currency, coin, check (payable to the National Park Service), or American Express, Visa, Master Card or Discover credit cards. Debit cards are accepted by the park.

The summer camping fee, when the water is on, is \$20 per site per night; the winter fee, when the water is off, is \$14 per site per night.

America the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes, and Golden Age and Golden Access Passes entitle holders to 50% discounts on camping fees for sites occupied by the passholders; provide the pass number to the reservation company when the reservation is made. There are no discounts for other types of passes.

Food Storage Keep a clean camp!



Food storage locker 3 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft

Rocky is renowned for its wildlife, and wildlife viewing is a favorite of many visitors. Help protect them by not attracting wildlife, including black bears, to your campsite due to improperly stored food. Bears can visit any time of day.

Never leave food items unsecured or unattended, day or night. Improperly stored or unattended food items will result in a violation notice. "Food items" include food, drinks, toiletries, cosmetics, pet food and bowls, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc., must be stored or disposed of in trash or recycling receptacles. Hummingbird feeders and bird feeders are attractants for wildlife such as raccoons, elk, deer, and bears, and are not allowed in campgrounds. Coolers, dirty stoves, grills, non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed and stored in the same manner as food (do not place hot grills in food

storage lockers). Camp kitchens must be kept clean and individual items properly stored.

No food nor toiletries should be kept in tents. In campgrounds, store all food items in food storage lockers; if full, store food items by one of the following methods:

- Inside vehicle trunks; be sure windows are closed and doors are locked.
- In vehicles without trunks, items should be placed as low in the vehicle passenger compartment as possible and covered from sight, with windows closed and doors locked.
- Visitors with convertibles or motorcycles are encouraged to use food storage lockers, available in all park campgrounds; location symbols are on campground maps. Food storage lockers, which are approximately 3 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft are shared with other visitors and cannot be locked.

Facilities and Services

There are no hookups (water, electric, sewer) at any park campsites **All Campsites** accommodate one camping unit (e.g. tent, RV or trailer/tow vehicle) plus one additional tent. All campsites, including RV sites, have tent pads and tent(s) must fit entirely on the tent pad. Parking is limited to 1-2 licensed vehicles (2 = tow vehicle and camper or 2 motor vehicles).

Electrical Outlets - All restrooms have electrical outlets at the sink areas.

Firewood & Ice - All campsites have fire grates for campfires. Do not leave campfires unattended. Firewood may not be gathered anywhere in the park. In summer, firewood and kindling are sold at all campgrounds. Please do not bring in firewood that could harbor insects. Ice, lighter fluid, charcoal, pop and ice cream may be available at Moraine Park and Aspenglen campgrounds (cash only).

Phones Do not rely on cell phones in Rocky Mountain National Park. Many locations in this rugged park have no service. There are emergency phones but no payphones in the park.

Portable Grills are allowed in campgrounds; do not

leave them unattended. Clean after each use to avoid attracting wildlife.

Restrooms - when the water is on at a campground, there are flush toilets.; when the water is off, there are vault toilets. Exceptions: Moraine Park Loops B and E (group loop) always have vault toilets.

Service Sinks - Service sinks are available at all campground restrooms except Longs Peak.

Showers - Portable showers are prohibited except in the solar shower facility at Moraine Park Campground. Showers are available in nearby communities. Remember, toiletries attract wildlife and need to be properly stored when not in use.

Water - drinking water spigots are located throughout the campgrounds. Sinks with cold running water are located in each restroom facility. When the water is off, no water is available and campers must provide their own water.

Wi-Fi - Free Wi-Fi access is available at Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche visitor centers.

Pets

PETS ARE PROHIBITED in all areas of Rocky
Mountain National Park not accessible by motor
vehicles, including ALL trails and meadows. Pets may
accompany you along established roads or in parking
areas, and within established campgrounds and picnic

areas. Pets must be kept on leashes no longer than six feet. Pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet excrement in trash receptacles. Pets may not make noise that impacts visitors or wildlife.

Hours

Campground checkout time is 12:00 noon; check in time is 1:00 p.m.

Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Where allowed, generators can run from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Disabled Access

The Disabled Traveler's Companion website has detailed information about accessible facilities in the park at www.tdtcompanion.com/NPS/Rocky/

Many park shuttle buses (summer only) are accessible and can accommodate wheelchairs; contact shuttle staff or rangers if accommodation is needed.

Moraine Park Campground: 4 designated sites (all reservable), accessible restroom, accessible amphitheater.

Timber Creek Campground: 2 designated campsites (both first-come, first-served), accessible restroom, amphitheater.

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Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

Motor Home and Trailer Length Limits

- Aspenglen 30 ft maximum
- Moraine Park: limited number of RV/trailer sites up to 40 ft.
- Timber Creek: 30 ft maximum

A limited number of sites can accommodate slide-outs and pull-alongs.

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